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whether this post was one of those meant to be filled by direct recruitment and if it was so, whether Government passed orders taking it out of the category of direct recruitment?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" There is no necessity to take it out of the category of direct recruitment when a contract appointment is made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Did the Government arrive at a decision to make a contract appointment in respect of this post?"

THE HON. SRI. K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Obviously. Otherwise a contract appointment would not have been made."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it a fact that this contract appointment has since been cancelled?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Not to my knowledge, Sir."

K. T. M. AHMED IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR :—" What was the date when Mr. Advani was appointed to the post on a contract basis and when Mr. Srinivasan was appointed as professor?"

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I should ask for notice, Sir."

Standard for the candidates seeking selection into the secondary grade training course.

* 167 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have lowered the standard for the candidates seeking selection into the secondary grade training course and are selecting even failed **S.S.L.Cs.** with low percentage of marks in English and other subjects;

(*b*) if so, whether the Government propose to assign a separate cadre to the large number of fully qualified Intermediate trained teachers now working in secondary schools;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a student who passes the eighth standard E.S.L.C. examination is admitted into Form IV on production of his pass certificate (E.S.L.C.);

(*d*) if so, whether it is a fact that the eighth standard course is only equivalent to III Form course taught in middle schools;

(*e*) whether an ordinary S.S.L.C. trained teacher is qualified to be headmaster of a higher elementary school which practically corresponds to a middle school;

(*f*) if the answer is in the affirmative, why an Intermediate trained teacher more highly qualified and equipped than the S.S.L.C. trained teacher is not appointed as headmaster for a middle school; and

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(*g*) whether the Government recognize the passing of Intermediate Examination as a higher qualification over the S.S.L.C.; and, if so, whether the Government propose to assign a higher cadre to the fully qualified Intermediate trained teachers?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON (on behalf of Hon. Sri T. S. Avinashilingam Chettiyar) :—" (*a*) The Government have ordered that (1) candidates who have obtained in the S.S.L.C. Public Examination marks qualifying them for public service and (2) women candidates, candidates in backward areas and those belonging to the Muslim community and Harijans who had failed in the S.S.L.C. Examination by not more than 5 marks in only one subject other than the Regional Language or English, might be admitted into the Secondary Grade Training course.

" (*b*) There is no such proposal.

" (*c*) A pupil who merely passes the VIII Standard. E.S.L.C. Examination is not admitted into IV Form on the production of his certificate (E.S.L.C.). But Rule 37 of the Madras Education Rules provides that a pupil who has passed E.S.L.C. examination with English as an optional subject shall be eligible for admission into Form IV without further examination.

" (*d*) The Government have not accepted the position that the Eighth standard course of a higher elementary school is equivalent to the III Form course of a Middle School.

" (*e*) An S.S.L.C. Trained teacher is qualified to be a Headmaster of a Higher Elementary School. A Higher Elementary School does not correspond to a Middle School, since according to rule 37 of the Madras Education Rules a pupil coming from a Higher Elementary School shall not be admitted into a class above Form III unless he had passed the E.S.L.C. Examination with English as optional subject.

" (*f*) Does not arise.

" (*g*) There is no such proposal."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

" *Grow More Food* " *Campaign.*

24 *Q.*—SRI K. MANATHUNAINATHA DESIGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to place on the table of the House—

(*a*) A statement giving the details of the 103 schemes under " Grow More Food " Campaign which brought 102,732 acres newly under cultivation, district, taluk and village-war; the sources of irrigation and other details; and the area actually cultivated within March 1947 in each of the villages;